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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Title: METHOD AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR QUERY OPTIMIZATION

## REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending, with claims 1, 15, and 16 being independent. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-28 are amended as to matters of form, and claim 29 is cancelled. No new matter has been added, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of cancelled claim 29 in this or related applications.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 703-286-5735 to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3521.

Respectfully Submitted,

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